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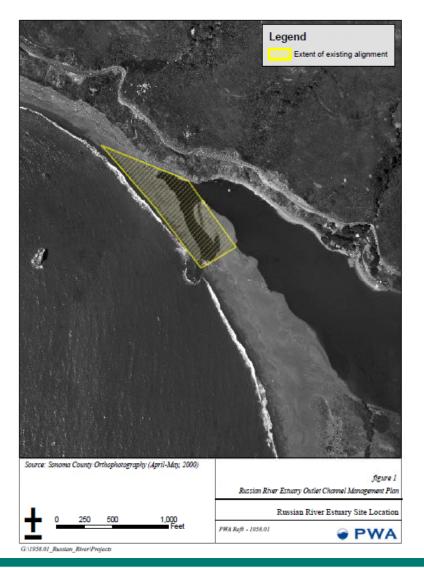
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Estuary Management Changes







Year 3 Tasks Completed

- Adaptive management plan
- Beach topo
- CEQA and permits
- Jetty study plan
- Monitoring





CEQA and Permits

- Draft EIR December 2010
- Final EIR August 2011
- Marine mammal IHA April 2011
- Permits with federal & state agencies



Jetty Study Plan Objectives

- Describe extent and composition of the jetty
- Understand its effects on the physical processes which partially determine lagoon water surface elevations
- Evaluate its role in flood risk
- Recommend approach for developing and analyzing alternatives that may help achieve target lagoon water surface elevations

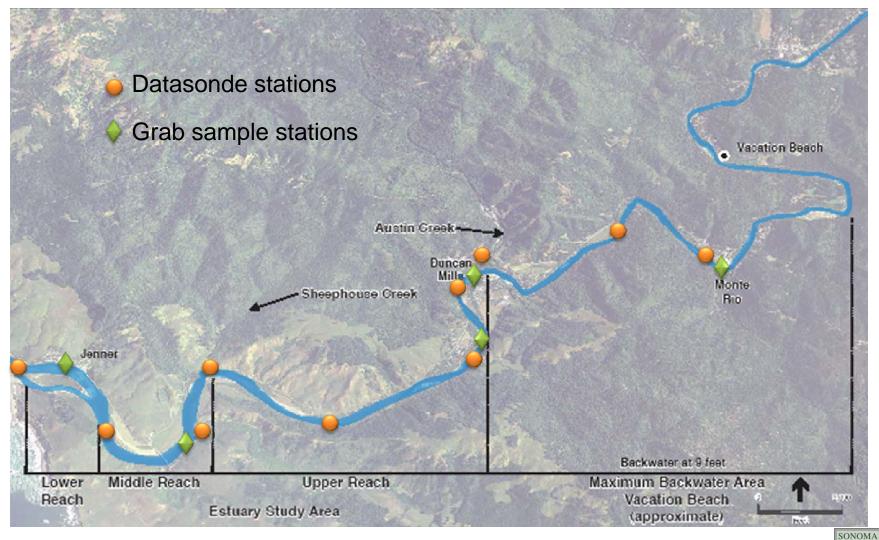


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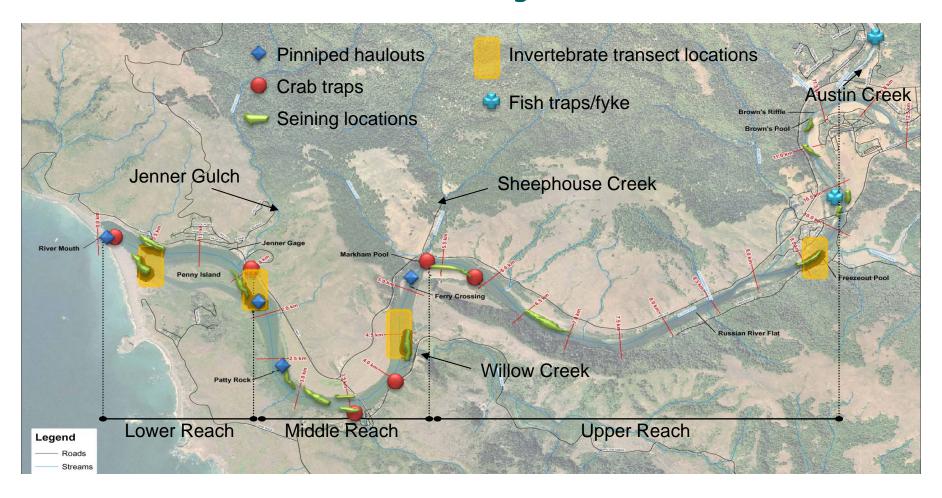


Water Quality





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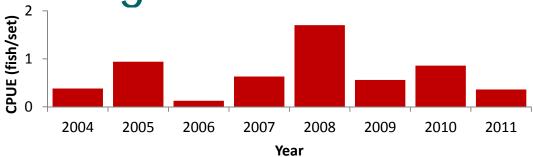




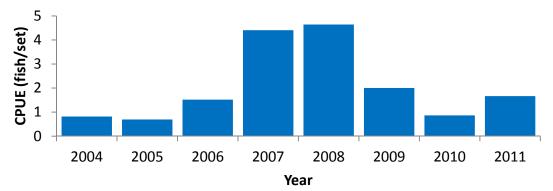
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Steelhead

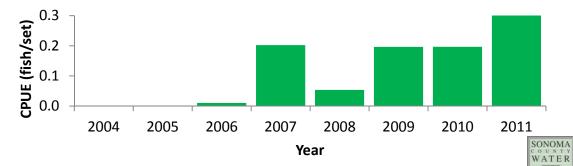
• Trends



Chinook Salmon



Coho Salmon



Fisheries Monitoring

- Trends
- Juvenile captures









Fisheries Monitoring

- Trends
- Juvenile captures
- Recaptures





Invertebrates

- Response to change in Estuary condition
- Salmon prey
 - Distribution
 - Composition
 - Abundance





Primary Steelhead Diet

Amphipods





Americorophium spinicorne

Isopods



Gnorimosphaeroma insulare

Mayflies (no photo)

Ephemeroptera nymph

Midges



Chironomidae larva



Chironomidae adult

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Year 4 Tasks

- Monitoring
- Adaptive management plan
- Permits
- Jetty study





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